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The Honorable Catherine McCabe
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Dear Ms. McCabe:

Thank you for your letter of February 20, 2009 indicating your support to come to resolution on using the Fort Eustis Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) as the model for the remaining Department of Defense (DoD) installations that do not yet have agreements. DoD remains committed to work collaboratively with the EPA Regions and states to quickly complete the remaining FFAs so that we more quickly complete our cleanup activities.

I am happy to inform you that on March 4, 2009, Mr. Don Schregardus (Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment)) signed the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) and Naval Air Stations (NAS) Whiting Field FFAs and forwarded them to the EPA Region and State for their signatures. The Army and Air Force are ready to meet with your regional staffs to complete negotiations immediately using the Fort Eustis FFA as the model making only site specific changes.

I appreciate that you are amenable to withdrawing the EPA administrative orders for the installation cleanups once the FFA for each installation is signed and the public comment process has been completed.

My point of contact is Ms. Maureen Sullivan, Director Environmental Management, who can be reached at (703) 695-7957.

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